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The following observations were made at the Gadow-Rosow bombing range between 12 March and 15 April 1955:

12 March. There was bombing and firing from aircraft weapons by individual Il-28s between 0900 and 1130 and by Il-10s between 1200 and 1600 in Jagen (forest districts) 14/15, 50, 53, and 120. The Il-10s approached in squadron formations at altitudes of about 1,000 meters from the direction of Rosow. Each formation crossed over the target in Jagen 14/15, flew a right bank and subsequently dived in spread-out line individually on the target. Subsequently the aircraft climbed to about 600 meters after flying a wide right bank and continued flying in this formation. For half an hour bombing and firing with aircraft armament was continuously practiced by one formation in this manner. After practices were completed, the formation assembled while flying a wide right bank and headed again in the direction of Rosow. Thereupon, another formation appeared. Most formations consisted of nine aircraft.

17 March. At 1900, individual Il-28s dropped bombs with tracer composition over Jagen 26, 30 and 35. After a bomb dropped about 50 meters, a comet-like trail of fire, about 10 meters long, appeared at its end. When a bomb hit the ground there was a glaring flash and subsequently a detonation. From the rapid fall of the bombs it was inferred that no parachute bombs were dropped. 25X1

23 March. Jeep [] was seen. At 1310, the noise of an aircraft apparently an Il-28 which approached at a very high altitude was heard in Jagen 80. Shortly afterwards, a heavy detonation and, at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes, 11 more detonations were heard from the direction of Jagen 26, 30 and 35. Throughout the day there was a closed ceiling and light fog.

29 March. Between 1300 and 1400, 3 individual Il-28s approached at altitudes of about 3,000 meters at intervals of about 20 minutes and dropped one bomb each at the target in Jagen 26, 30 and 35. The aircraft approached from the direction of Rosow and proceeded in the direction of Zechlin.

30 March. There was a low ceiling and poor visibility. During the day, a few detonations were heard but it was not determined whether they were caused by bombs.

5 April. Beginning 1500, individual Il-28s approached at very high altitudes from the direction of Rosow. After each approach, up to five detonations were heard from the direction of Jagen 26, 30 and 35. The weather was 9/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,500 meters. At 1730, it was learned from a sentry who wore black-bordered blue epaulets that 40 Il-28s had dropped bombs during the afternoon.

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6 April. Between 0800 and 1700, Il-28s approached from the direction of Rossow. Five detonations which apparently were caused by bombs were heard after each approach. The bombs were dropped blind through the clouds.

7 and 8 April. Beginning at 0930, there was air activity over the firing range but no aircraft were seen. Occasionally detonations were heard. There was an overcast and rain.

9 April. Between 0800 and 1330, individual Il-28s approached from the direction of Rossow at intervals of about 5 minutes. Occasionally detonations were heard. There was a 9/10 overcast at an altitude of about 500 meters. Between 1430 and 1600, 8 Il-10s approached Jages 14 and 15 from the direction of Rossow. The Il-10s remained about 30 minutes aloft over the target while bombing and firing with aircraft armament. After the formation had disappeared, a second and third formation approached.

12 April. At 1130, individual Il-28s approached at high altitudes from the direction of Rossow. After each approach, the detonation of one bomb was heard from the direction of Jages 16, 30 and 35. Between 1930 and 2300, night bombing was practiced.

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Comment. The Gadow-Rossow bombing range is used for bombing and firing with aircraft armament by aircraft of the northern ground attack division and of bomber regiments. Blind bombing was repeatedly observed. Jeep [redacted] was previously observed in Brandenburg-Braese, the former post of the ground attack regiment now stationed at Deeberitz.

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